to benefits of Regional Rural Bank Staff have been withdrawn;

(b) if not, what are the reasons that Indian Bank has issued instructions to its sponsor RRBs not to implement the said order in view of the verbal discussion with NABARD;

(c) whether Annexure-VI of the order under reference has been implemented in all the RRBs;

(d) if not, who are the defaulters; and

(e) what action has been taken against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The instructions dated 22nd February, 1991 issued by the Government of India in pursuance of the implementation of the award of the National Industrial Tribunal and the report of the Equation Committee granting sponsor bank pay scales and other benefits to the Regional Rural Bank (RRB) staff have not been withdrawn.

(b) Indian Bank have reported that they have not issued any instructions to their sponsored RRBs for non-implementation of the aforesaid orders of 22nd February, 1991.

(c) to (e) The instructions of the Government issued on 22.2.1991, including Annexure VI thereof, are for implementation by the RRBs. However no feedback on the status of compliance with the instructions was sought either by Government or by NABARD.

NRIS response to concessions

4324. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2816 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th August, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the actual response of the N.R.Is. to the initiatives offered to them, so far; and

(b) whether Government propose to re-examine the concessions to boost NRI investments in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The response of the NRI's to the initiatives offered by the Government has generally been encouraging.

(b) The policies regarding NRI investment are continuously reviewed and necessary steps taken from time to time to boost NRI investments in the country.

Production of Bank and Currency Note Paper

4325. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of higher denomination Notes, viz. Rs. 100/- and Rs. 500/- printed at the Bank Note Press, Dewas during the last three years, with year-wise figures;

(b) what is the quantity of Bank & Currency Note Paper actually produced during the last three years at the Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad, with year-wise figures;

(c) whethe the poduction of Bank & Currency Note Poper is adequate to meet the demand for the same in the country; and

(d) if not, the quantity of Bank & Currency Note Paper imported during the last three years, year-wise figures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The details are as under:

Year	No. of higher denonotes printed a Bank Note Press Dewas. (in Million Pieces)	
	Rs. 100/-	Rs. 500
1989-90 . .	537·008	21·480
1990-91 . .	727.872	Nil
1991-92 . .	636·756	14·75

(b) The details are as under:

Year;	Quantity of Bank/ Currency Note Paper actually produced at Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad.
	(In Metric Tonnes)
1989-90 . .	2867·7
1990-91 . .	3020·0
1991-92 . .	2906·6

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The following quantities of Currency/Bank Note Paper for various denominations were imported during the last three years:—

Year	Quantity (MTs.)
1989-90	877·346
1990-91	1268·770
1991-92	1113·586

Customs Duty on import of Lactose

4326. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the difference in the rate of Customs duty for import of Lactose by Homoeopathic Manufacturers/Homoeopathic Dealers and others;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large scale import of Lactose, in excess of past consumption, is taking place by Homoeopathic Manufacturers in North India and the same is showing falsely consumed and is actually being passed to Allopathic Trade at a premium;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Custom authorities at ICD, Delhi to protect revenue in such cases; and

(d) what are the details of imports at concessional rate of custom duty of Lactose month-wise during the last three years in the coutry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Lactose is liable to a Custom duty @ 140.36 per cent Ad-valorem. However, Lactose conforming to Homoeopathic Pharmacopoea of India specification and imported for manufacture of homoeopathic medicines is liable to Customs duty @ 65 per cent Ad-valorem in terms of exemption Notification No. 50/91-Cus. dated 25-7-91 as amended. The benefit in terms of aforesaid notification is available to only those importers who satisfy the end-use conditions prescribed in the notification.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rules regarding sending of Funds abroad

4327. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of rules and regulations under which sending of funds abroad can be prevented; and

(b) what are he details of the steps taken under the said rules during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Remittances outside India are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India who have delegated some powers to the Authorised Dealers to allow remittances subject to certain terms and conditions and monetary/percentage ceilings. All other remittances which are not covered by the powers delegated to the Authorised Dealers are required to be referred to the RBI for approval. Without RBI's approval, such remittances would be illegal, and when such instances are noticed, the Enforcement Directorate